

thereby leader of the Helms Senate family. I do not have a staff. The fine, dedicated people in our offices are truly a family.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the text of the June 26, 1997, resolution adopted by the North Carolina General Assembly honoring Mel Broughton be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

JOINT RESOLUTION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA JUNE 26, 1997 HONORING THE LIFE AND MEMORY OF J. MELVILLE BROUGHTON, JR.—JUNE 26, 1997

Whereas, J. Melville Broughton, Jr., a lifelong resident of the City of Raleigh was born on March 24, 1922, and attended Wake Forest University, Duke University, and graduated from the University of North Carolina School of Law; and

Whereas, J. Melville Broughton, Jr., proudly served his country in World War II as a First Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps; and

Whereas, following his admission to the North Carolina State Bar, J. Melville Broughton, Jr., served for four years as a prosecutor in Raleigh Municipal Court and then entered the general practice of law with the firm founded by his father (now known as Broughton, Wilkins, Webb and Sugg) where he remained for 45 years; and

Whereas, from 1957 to 1961, J. Melville Broughton, Jr., served as Chairman of the North Carolina Highway Commission, and later under Governor Dan K. Moore served as the Chairman of the North Carolina Democratic Party; and finally in 1968, ran for the Democratic nomination for Governor against then Lieutenant Governor Robert Scott and Reginald Hawkins, finishing second in the primary; and

Whereas, J. Melville Broughton, Jr., was devoted to his State above all else and counted among his friends and those he supported at the polls both Democrats and Republicans; and, indeed, his bipartisanship was such that in 1975, President Gerald Ford nominated him to the National Legal Services Board, which was dedicated to providing legal representation to indigent persons; and

Whereas, J. Melville Broughton, Jr., was an active and lifelong member of Christ Episcopal Church in Raleigh and was involved in the Laubach Literacy national movement; and

Whereas, J. Melville Broughton, Jr., was a beloved figure in this General Assembly and in our entire State, warming us with his easy laugh and ready smile; his tall, rumped figure, with his coat pocket full of pencil stubs, moving gregariously among all sorts and conditions of men, encouraging, listening, advising, and at all times embodying the very essence of a true Christian gentleman; and

Whereas, J. Melville Broughton, Jr., passed away on April 17, 1997, and is survived by his wife, Mary Ann Cooper Broughton; his daughter, Harriet B. Gruber; two sons, J. Melville Broughton, III and James Wesley Cooper Broughton; and five grandchildren;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring:

Section 1. The General Assembly expresses its high regard for the life and service of J. Melville Broughton, Jr., and mourns the loss to this date of such a distinguished citizen.

Section 2. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the family of J. Melville Broughton, Jr.

Section 3. This resolution is effective upon ratification.

THE VERY BAD DEBT BOXSCORE

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, at the close of business Thursday, July 3, 1997, the Federal debt stood at \$5,356,041,465,566.82. (Five trillion, three hundred fifty-six billion, forty-one million, four hundred sixty-five thousand, five hundred sixty-six dollars and eighty-two cents)

One year ago, July 3, 1996, the Federal debt stood at \$5,151,168,000,000. (Five trillion, one hundred fifty-one billion, one hundred sixty-eight million)

Five years ago, July 3, 1992, the Federal debt stood at \$3,982,257,000,000. (Three trillion, nine hundred eighty-two billion, two hundred fifty-seven million)

Ten years ago, July 3, 1987, the Federal debt stood at \$2,316,907,000,000. (Two trillion, three hundred sixteen billion, nine hundred seven million)

Twenty-five years ago, July 3, 1972, the Federal debt stood at \$428,504,000,000 (Four hundred twenty-eight billion, five hundred four million) which reflects a debt increase of nearly \$5 trillion—\$4,927,537,465,566.82 (Four trillion, nine hundred twenty-seven billion, five hundred thirty-seven million, four hundred sixty-five thousand, five hundred sixty-six dollars and eighty-two cents) during the past 25 years.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:01 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Goetz, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 1119. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following measure was read the first and second times by unanimous consent and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1119. An act to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-2389. A communication from the Secretary of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the thirteenth Annual Report on activities and expenditures of the Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management for Fiscal

Year 1996; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES SUBMITTED DURING ADJOURNMENT

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of June 27, 1997, the following reports of committees were submitted on July 1, 1997:

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary:

Report to accompany the bill (S. 507) to establish the United States Patent and Trademark Organization as a Government corporation, to amend the provisions of title 35, United States Code, relating to procedures for patent applications, commercial use of patents, reexamination reform, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-42).

By Mr. JEFFORDS, from the Committee on Labor and Human Resources, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 830: A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and the Public Health Service Act to improve the regulation of food, drugs, devices, and biological products, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 105-43).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second time by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. SPECTER (by request):

S. 986. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the housing loan programs for veterans and eligible persons, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

S. 987. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize a cost-of-living adjustment in the rates of disability compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and dependency and indemnity compensation for survivors of such veterans and to revise and improve certain veterans compensation, pension, and memorial affairs programs; and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

S. 988. A bill to amend chapter 72 of title 38, United States Code, to reform the retirement provisions relating to the Court's judicial component, to provide for a staggered judicial retirement option to avoid the large case backlog increase that would arise in the event of simultaneous judicial vacancies, to rename the United States Court of Veterans Appeals as the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans Affairs.

By Mr. DORGAN (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 989. A bill entitled the "Safer Schools Act of 1997"; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

By Mr. FAIRCLOTH:

S. 990. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish the National Institute of Biomedical Imaging; to the Committee on Labor and Human Resources.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. SPECTER (by request):

S. 986. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the housing loan programs for veterans and eligible persons, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.